

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

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March 31, 2021

7:06 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - The Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in its regular monthly meeting at Canyon Ridge High School boardroom #301 located at 300 North College Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:06 p.m., on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The following trustees were present: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka; Vice Chairman Jonathan Lord; Trustees, Jayson Lloyd, Heidi Casdorph and Paul McClintock. There were also present Superintendent, Brady Dickinson; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; and Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas, as well as district directors, interested patrons, employees, and the media.

Before the board meeting began, Chairman Matsuoka shared board meeting decorum expectations as outlined by Idaho Attorney General, Lawrence Wasden pointing out that this is a meeting in public, not a public meeting and that if there are any outbursts or interruptions the board will recess until the disruption has stopped. Meeting expectations and protocols regarding face coverings were also posted with the board meeting agenda.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance - The Board of Trustees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Procedural Matters Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda (Additions and Deletions) –Chairman Matsuoka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition of an administrator resignation (item “K” in the consent calendar). Trustee McClintock moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Unscheduled Delegations (Audience to Address the Board) – Chairman Matsuoka asked if anyone was wishing to address the Board. There were four (4); one (1) via Zoom and three (3) in person.

7:09 p.m. 7:12 p.m.: Mr. Jeremy Case addressed the Board via Zoom and shared his concerns if the masks are no longer mandated, he fears that his senior graduation or this year’s prom won’t happen. He shared that he feels eliminating the mask mandate now is reckless. Mr. Case thanked for Board for the opportunity to speak and share his thoughts on the matter.

There was a disruption in the audience so the Board recessed and left the room so the disturbance could be dealt with appropriately. Recess from 7:12 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. After a few minutes the Board was called back to the room and the meeting resumed.

7:16 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.: Ms. Charlotte Gharring addressed the Board and shared concerns for safety of herself, other staff, and all students. She quoted some statistics from the CDC and

shared that she is concerned about changing now and going against the SCPHD recommendations/prevention strategies. Ms. Gharring thanked the Board for their time.

7:19 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.: Ms. Tiffany Valencia stated that she is a mother of two and asked why the Board isn't more concerned with the health of the high risk people instead of controlling children; such as people with diabetes, etc. She quoted some statistics that she garnered and said "We need to get the muzzles off the kids faces".

7:23 p.m. to 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Peggy Hoy started her address by saying that she wanted to share an opinion from a teacher's point of view. She added that Twin Falls is so lucky, because of the actions of the Board, students have been getting in-person instruction most of the school year. She share that she believes students will be able to finish the school year with in-person instruction if the mandate stays in place. Mrs. Hoy thanked the Board for this opportunity to speak.

- V. Consent Calendar – Trustee McClintock moved to approve the consent calendar which included: new certified employee: Whitney Miley; certified retirement from Kathy Dobbs; certified release of contract for 2020-2021 school year for Amanda Scott; certified resignations from Ashley Carpenter, Carla Mingo, Emily Stephens, and Cassandra Hines; new classified employees: Stefanie Swindler, Mickey Carter, and Kira Cline; in district transfers for Joseph Raschke, Mireira Munoz Venegas, and Muriel English; classified retirements for Kay Rehn, Barbara Denney, and Sonia DeLeon; classified resignations for 2020-2021 school year from Christie Sorensen, Stephanie Sedlmayr, Michala Wonders, Jenna Munoz, and Rebecca Austin; classified resignation for 2021-2022 school year for Faith MacDonald; extra-curricular employees: Jasmine Robertson and Vjekoslav Bampa; job sharing request for Danyell Alger and Tiffany Patterson; early graduation request for Canyon Ridge High School student Destiney Horton; and administrator resignation for 2021-2022 school year from Ryan Ellsworth. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Instruction A. Information/B. Action Items:

1. Twin Falls Education Association Co-President, David Palmer addressed the Board regarding masks and quarantine protocols and shared the result of their associations' survey on the matter. 70% of the members that responded to the survey want the face covering mandate to continue. He also shared the associations concerns if face coverings are made optional. 7:27 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.

Chairman Matsuoka thanked everyone for their comments and said he respects everyone's comments and concerns. He commented that we may disagree, but the one thing everyone stands together on is that we love the students and want what's best for them.

2. Superintendent Dickinson presented to the Board the current COVID-19 district numbers, South Central Public Health District's risk levels for Twin Falls County, patron, staff, and student survey results, South Central Public Health District's recommendation, arguments for making masks optional and arguments for making masks required. Dr. Dickinson gave background of Board changes to the District Operational Protocols Plan as the pandemic progressed. The plan has been nimble to look at the overall situation at that time to make decisions based on the information available. After the Superintendent's presentation the Board asked a few follow-up questions of him, then thoroughly discussed and vetted in length all possible options, their concerns, and ideas on the first question at hand: whether the district should move from the yellow level to a modified green level. After all trustee's shared their

thoughts and concerns, Trustee McClintock moved to go from yellow level to a modified green level effective immediately. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. There was further discussion to clarify that the change to the green level opens the door for more activities not being done currently. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the next questions at hand; if face coverings will become optional/recommended or continue to be mandated and if mandated, for how long. After much debate, discussion and more clarifying questions on dates through the rest of the school year (graduation dates, prom dates, ISAT testing dates, etc.) Trustee McClintock moved to make masks/face coverings required until April 26th then on April 26th and make masks/face coverings highly recommended. Trustee Casdorph seconded the motion. Vote was two (2) in favor and three (3) against. Motion failed.

After additional debate, Trustee Lloyd moved to make masks/face coverings mandatory through May 21st, the last day of school for 2020-2021. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. Vote was three (3) in favor, two (2) against, motion passed.

Superintendent Dickinson summarized the motions this evening: Board action moves the District to "green" but to retain the current face-covering requirement through May 21, 2021. After May 21, 2021, face coverings will become recommended (optional) for summer school, graduations, etc.

VII. Budget & Finance A. Information Items:

1. Superintendent Dickinson briefly outlined the negotiated salary schedule modification for the 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) as shared earlier with the Board. Dr. Dickinson; Fiscal Affairs Director, Bob Seaman; and Accountant, Rachel Youren, after a thorough analysis feel comfortable with moving forward with the salary schedule modification as outlined. This modification moves everyone to their appropriate rungs before the freeze. The District negotiations team feels comfortable that if something unprecedented comes up that the Twin Falls Education Association will agree to sit down again to address that change. Superintendent Dickinson stated that they did a worse case analysis and the District will be o.k. by doing this now and that the ESSER II funds will be authorized to backfill the District. Even if these funds are shifted to next year the District will be o.k. with carryover. The carryover will be low until ESSER II funds are authorized. It would be nice if the State gave all the ESSER II funds to repay us now but they will be repaid as soon as the new physical year rolls in.
2. The Board reviewed the 2021 Supplemental Levy Election results as canvassed by the Twin Falls County Commissioners. The County Clerk, Kristina Glasscock certified the election results with 1,484 (68.61%) votes in favor and 679 (31.39%) votes against; total votes at 2,163. Clerk of the Board, Michelle Lucas issued a certificate of election stating the same.

VII. Budget & Finance B. Action Items:

1. After a few clarifying questions, Trustee McClintock moved to approve the salary schedule modification for the CBA as outlined by Superintendent Dickinson. Vice Chairman Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. With no other discussion, Vice Chairman Lord moved to accept the Twin Falls County canvassed election results and Certificate of Election by the Clerk of the Board as submitted. Trustee McClintock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Trustee McClintock moved that the Board retire into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (b), and (d): (b) to consider student discipline; and (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Chairman Matsuoka asked the Clerk Michelle Lucas to poll the board. Roll call vote was as follows: Chairman Bryan Matsuoka – Yes; Vice Chairman Jonathan Lord – Yes; Trustee Paul McClintock – Yes; Trustee Jayson Lloyd – Yes; Trustee Heidi Casdorph – Yes. Motion carried. With over a $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Board vote, the Board convened into executive session at 9:12 p.m.

The Board opened to the public at 9:17 p.m.

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ATTEST:


Clerk, Michelle Lucas

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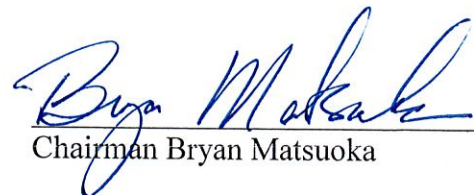
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